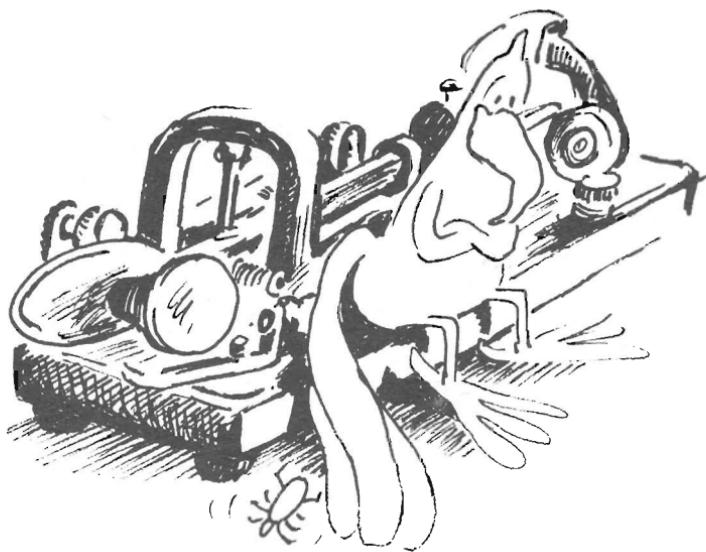


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BLOWIN' IN THE WIND



The magazine you hold is the first from the new editor. When approached about the responsibility, my initial reaction was no...too much work and too little input from you, the reader. Editors of amateur radio rags are constantly begging members for material and they become prostitutes to the system.

When trying to select material for over 800 people, the question of propriety arises. It is the belief of this editor that material which offends the few will amuse the many and while it is not the intention of the magazine to be bellicose, controversy should not be avoided.

I hope Key Clucks will provide a forum for discussion of issues that affect our hobby. There are pros and cons, with shades of opinion in between, on many proposals that are of importance to the amateur radio service. While ideas can be discussed during contacts, the written word can also bring ideas to light and if you have suggestions or opinions you would care to share, the forum for expression lies here.

The treasury and your membership support Key Clucks. Expenses for this issue have depleted the treasury and only through your efforts will we survive. Membership is due and the response will determine the ability to produce an issue prior to the Dayton cluck-in.

Thank you for your consideration. I will look for you on the air.

Wayne, NZ4W

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The June 1982 issue of Key Clucks contained the following editorial:

...some publishers, who are in business to make money, would like a larger market. They propose brainless code-free examinations or even 11 meter type certification. Those licensed under this option (would) put signals in our bands and annoy others with mindless QRM, turkey talk, olympic tuning, and other weird experiments.

The editorial went on to suggest writing crisp letters to the editor and to an array of governmental bodies in order to limit access to the Amateur Radio Service to those with a knowledge of Morse code.

During a moment at Dayton '85 Cluck-In, one of our serious members in all sincerity suggested CFO should be on the cutting edge of history by advocating a code-free license. George, K2ONP/Ø attended a packet radio forum, discovered the presence of intelligent young people, and had an epiphany. The Morse code was keeping these bright youngsters from experimenting with digital communications as well as placing limits on the growth of our hobby. Ergo, just as Nixon was able to visit China, CFO should endorse a code-free license for the amateur frequencies.

George, in addition to his responsibilities as CFO veterinarian, is also a scholar, professor, physician, researcher and all purpose egghead, so he can be relied upon for concise, analytical thinking. The issue of a code-free license for the amateur bands has not been resolved. In order to continue the discussion of the question, "Should the CFO advocate a code-free amateur radio operator's license?", we invite George and other advocates to send their opinions to Key Clucks. Responses from those opposed are also invited.

BIRD ON THE RUN



Fourteen outlaws from the Chicken Fat Organization were arrested by vigilantes at a clandestine radio shack in West Egg yesterday and charged with violating the Morse code. The birds were accused of speeding in the 40 meter band and using Morse in a "perverse and unnatural fashion," according to a complaint filed by the FOC.

"These buggars have been terrorizing our frequencies for years and we have finally taken a positive step toward getting these demons out of our airspace," said Percival Properbum, G3MAD, Exalted Potentate of the British organization.

According to Properbum, the CFO has been embellishing their dits and dahs with QRQ, increasing their bandwidth and causing "quite some little stink" on the airwaves.

As a solution, FOC has petitioned President Reagan to implement his Star Wars system on 7.033 mHz. General Dynamics, the officer of the day for the proposed system, indicated that while it may be possible to eradicate the CFO from 40 meters, "we may have trouble cutting through the rubbish on this part of the spectrum."

Confined to Reading Gaol, the CFO continue to claim their innocence while facing up to ten years on FM. A "Free the Fourteen Committee" or FFC has been established with donations going to CFOHQ.

Apologies to der GEARVAK

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CFO Graphics is now located at 6345 Coffman Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Requests for membership certificates, awards, roosters and other paper should be directed toward Artist Emeritus Doris Hails at the above.



If you are looking for a respite from the contest congestion on 7.033 mHz, Fritz, W4LJH, would like to recommend doubling your pleasure by moving to 7.066 mHz on the weekends that make profound communication difficult. This does not apply to the week beginning October 26 when CFO will be engaged in a little fowl play. See details of the CFO party in this issue of Key Clucks.

Dutch, N4EGM, reminds us that some members did not receive the previous issue of Key Clucks and that there is some confusion in the coop about membership. Mel, K0PFX, as keeper of the golden egg, has a rooster of paid members. To remain current, please send your \$2.00 dues to him by December 31 '85 to retain membership for 1986. Dues are our sole source of funds for the journal and your membership will insure Key Clucks and a good supply of whiskey for the Cluck-In.

KEY KLUX KLAN

The same folks who bring us the Moral Majority, the John Birch Society, and the Eagle Forum invite you to join CFO #72, Vern, W9FAM, and the Liberty Net on 3.840 mHz every Friday morning 0330 Z. A roundtable for venting one's spleen against all the things you love to hate is usually in progress and CFO members are welcome to join the commie-bashin' on 80 meters.

All the World's a stage. It is just that the play
is badly miscast. -Oscar Wilde



GERMS OF ENDEARMENT

Another viral outbreak of bug operation is occurring on 40 meters and you are welcome to join the fun. Dust off the Vibroplex each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm CST on 7.033 mHz and join NC W810 and other aficionados of this mode.

BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG+BUG

Ray, W0GHX, would like company on 2 meters for CW QRO when the bands are not open on HF. So far he has contacted Zeke, W0ZR, who is 75 miles away, and W0UCE, who lives nearby. Frequencies plus or minus 144.030 mHz.

QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*QRQ*

AT&T is offering a free 25 x 35 world map in multi-color showing the world's time zones and area codes. Map fans should check this out by calling 1-800-874-4000. Let them know you make a lot of DX contacts and would appreciate the map---which you will.

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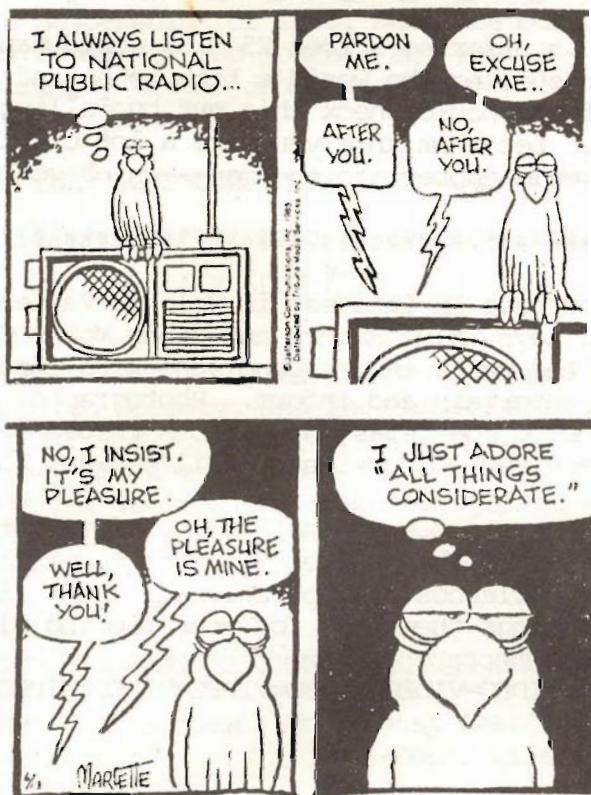
If you have an interest in Melehan Valients, German Mouse keys, Blue Racers and other Morse Code devices from the past, the May and June 1985 issues of CQ will entertain and inform. Photographed by CFO videobird Joe Veras, N4QB, both issues feature the vintage key collection of Neil McEwen, K5RW.

Neil has spent years gathering and restoring unusual keys---from the McElroy Teardrop to miniature keys used in clandestine operations. Joe's fine camera work brings them back for your viewing pleasure.

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CQ CQ CQ... DILETTANTES

While the commercial radio frequencies continue to fill the airwaves with incomprehensible music, ads for hemorrhoid medication, mumbo jumbo of every persuasion, and a variety of smooth talking airheads, there is a respite from the nonsense. On the far left of your commercial FM dial, near 90 mHz, you will find National Public Radio, the only source of commercial free broadcasting in the nation. If you prefer information over amusement, music that does not require 120dB to resonate in your mind, and programming free from hype, check it out. "All Things Considered" is the closest thing we have to the BBC, which is approved for listening by the FOC.





February, 1947
Editor, QST

WLBMS
Friendship, Maine

Listened on 80 the other night and heard a couple of the boys gassin'. Thought I'd copy their stuff on the mill for a little practice and here's what I got:

W1 — de W1 — GE OM — UR HIGS 579
5R 4Y FB — QTH 5R BOHTON MAHS —
5ANDLE IS 6ILL — USING 150 WATTH
TO AN 813 — ANT 5ALFWA4E CTR FED
WELL OM W5ATS 6E 5ANDLE TR ? K

Juht 6en 6e xyl called me to c5ow ho I 5ad to quit.
I t5ink t5is mill eit5er needh over5auling or 6e
5andle on t5at guyh 6ug was loohe.

6ill 5all, W167

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Curly, W9KF, the official CFO phrenologist, has been in the laboratory manipulating those dits and dahs that go bump in the night. While he claims no relationship between the size of the cranial lumps and Morse code ability, his research has produced a method to increase your speed.

We all know someone who would like to copy QRQ, and Curly would like to make life easier for them by making maximum use of those cranial masses. Why not treat them to the W9KF "How To Read Morse Code In Your Head" system and help our QRS brethren?

Suitable for framing, via Com-Viz Publications, Box 215, Sherman, IL 62684 for three big ones.

WORKIN' CLASS BIRD



Four competent Morse code operators were discussing the intellect of their chickens. The first was an engineer whose chicken, named T-Square, could do mathematical calculations. On his command, T-Square got pencil and paper and drew out the dimensions for a Sterba Curtain.

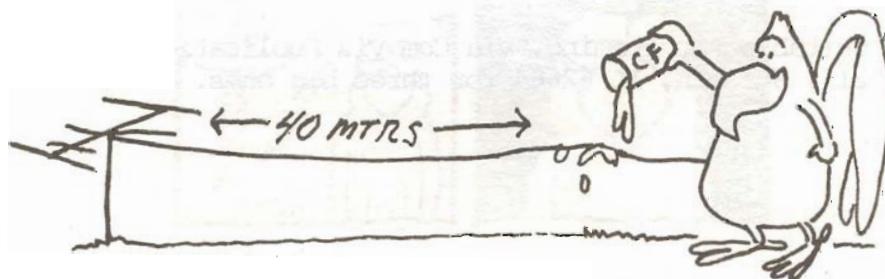
The second operator was an accountant whose chicken was named Slide Rule. He told the chicken to get a dozen cookies and to divide them into three equal piles. Slide Rule did so with ease.

The third operator was a chemist. His chicken, Measure, was told to get a quart of milk and pour seven ounces into a ten ounce glass. Measure did as directed.

All three operators agreed their chickens were equally endowed. They turned to the fourth operator asked, "What can your chicken do?"

The fourth operator, a SSB lover with a rooster, called his bird over and said, "Show the folks what you can do." The rooster went over and ate the cookies, drank the milk, dumped on the paper and screwed the chickens.

And that, my friends, is what is happening on 40 meters below 7.100 mHz.



GFO BANQUET DAYTON CLUCK-IN

APRIL
1985



1 land

Helen, WBLAOB
John, WLJY

2 land

Larry, WA2CVV
Mary, WB2ZLC

3 land

Where are these birds?

4 land

Larry, WA4BSM
Steve, K4CJX & Joan
Dutch, N4EGM & Peggy
Jim, N4HQ
Fritz, W4LJH & Baby
Joe, N4QB
Verle, N4VB
Marty, KF4VV
Wayne, NZ4W
Dick, K4XU

5 land

Marv, W5KT

6 land

Missing in action

7 land

ditto

8 land

Art, W8FEC
Bob, W8IO
Jim, K8JL & Beth
Jack, W8KP
Jack, W8KR
Howard, W8LRD
Ed, K8NFC
Hank, W8NI & Helen
Art, WEPBO

9 land

Kris, K9AMC
George, N9HI
Curly, K9KF
Dave, K9PHP
Stan, W9WBL & Doris

Ø land

Joe, KØBX
Larry, NØCIB
George, K2ONP/Ø
Mel, KØPPX
Zeke, WØZR & Carol

***AWARDS will appear elsewhere in this issue.

KUDOS

AWARDS PRESENTED
AT DAYTON CLUCK-IN
APRIL 1985

The Golden Egg awards, presented yearly at the CFO Dayton Cluck-In banquet, were once again the highlight of the weekend. Gathered in the Imperial House North, fidgety chickens scratched and clawed their way through dinner as Steve, K4CJX, presented the following awards:

Larry, WA2CVV-- the Automated CW award, for his automobile which broke into paroxysms of horn honking and light blinking spontaneously one night.

Larry, WA4BSM-- the Good Ole Boy (GOB) award, 'cause for sure he 'er one.

Dutch, N4EGM-- the Multifaceted Hobby award, in recognition of his ability to jog, play tennis, collect sports cars, ride motorcycles and run for political office, all while operating CW.

Jim, N4HWQ-- the Ambidexterous Bird award, for having both a left and right wing in flight.

Baby Compton-- the I'd Rather Be In Ole Virginia award, for her perseverance keeping Fritz, W4LJH, in Miami.

Verle, N4VB-- the coveted Video Ranger award, for acute myopia.

Wayne, NZ4W-- the Blast the ARRL award, for raising hell with our friends in Newington.

Ed, K8NFC-- the Best Dressed Chicken award, for his slick rags.

Rotten George, N9HI-- the Golden Wing award, for being ridden by a motorcycle from Kokomo to Dayton.

Curly, K8KF-- the It's All In the Head award, for developing a revolutionary method for reading code.

Stan, W9WBL-- the Diamonds Are Forever award, since that is what he will reap from his new business.

Joe, KØBX-- the Beer Makes Better Bodies award, for consuming vast quantities.

George, K2ONP/Ø-- the Load the Earth award, in light of his strong signal. Doc was also appointed to the Committee to Save the Bands.

Mel, KØPFX-- the IRS Most Wanted Bird award, since he sits on the Golden Egg.

KUDOS*KUDOS*KUDOS*KUDOS*KUDOS*KUDOS*KUDOS*KUDOS

Special Category: Most Missed Couples

Jim, W9TO & Pat

Frank, KB0PB & Nikki

Ned, KK9E & Kathy

Irv, W9GA & Miriam

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In 1979, the chairman of the CFO Geriatric Gifts Committee awarded a power microphone to Zeke, WØZR. Initially a gift from the FOC who consider this device the only sensible and appropriate means by which one communicates, this honor will again pass to another. The envelope please!

WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?WHO?

Stan, W9WBL, OM of Doris, brought a KB to Dayton in 1983 that advanced speed geometrically rather than arithmetically, resulting in unique character formation. If asked, Stan might be good enough to provide us with an explanation of his ideas for our reading pleasure.

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SOLID STATE STEVE



When Steven Spielberg was 11, his father came home from work with a small transistor. "Son," he said, "this is the future." Steven looked at the transistor, took it from his father's hand, and swallowed it.

READING THE MAIL



Editor:

I have two brothers. One is an amateur radio operator and the other was sent to the electric chair. My mother recently passed away at a federal hospital for the insane and my father is a narcotics addict.

One of my sisters is a successful and highly respected prostitute while the other is the common-law wife of a local executive of the Communist Party.

I recently met a girl shortly after she was released from the state prison for women where she served time for smothering her illegitimate baby. We are very much in love and wish to get married.

My problem is, should I tell her about my brother who operates amateur radio? He also reads Key Clux.

Concerned,
Normal, IL

Q. I tried smoking reefer before reading Key Clucks but it still makes no sense. What do you suggest?

A. You have obviously been smoking imported weed. We suggest you try domestic mountain grown from East Tennessee. Ten Tec is superb stuff. Support your local dealers.

BYE-BYE BIRDIE



The following chickens have flown the proverbial coop and and All Points Bulletin is being issued to locate:

N1BYH	Rick	Unknown	#698
K2CED	Jim	NY	270
W3CPS	Harry	PA	169
K4BI	Jim	GA	193
K4CFD	Horace	AL	730
WD4DCW	Stan	VA	240
WD4EEM	Bruce	VA	433
WB4PVC	Gerald	KY	091
W5CMY	Dayle	LA	336
KA5CNE	Paul	NM	678
WB5JLB	John	NM	295
K6AM	Clay	CA	318
N6NK	Rod	CA	199
WB6LLM	Mark	CA	118
W7DUV	Cliff	WA	558
W7JYW	Fred	MT	604
W7KRU	Gene	AZ	481
W7VX	Gil	NV	350
W8BZX	Darrel	OH	034
N9BT	Lee	AZ	479
N9CGY	Steve	WY	124
K0IY	Bill	MN	781
KB0RC	Jeff	MO	303

Please ask the above to send their current mailing address to Doris Hails, 6345 Coffman Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268. The 1985 call book has no list.

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Zeke, W0ZR, and I had what we believe is the first 12 meter band QSO between two CFO members. We established contact at 0226 Z June 22, 1985 on 24.930.3 mHz two hours and 25 minutes after the band was released for amateur use. The QSO was, of course, CW, and we chatted until 0233 Z. Unless someone else was earlier, we claim the record.

Steve, K8ZBN
CFO #779

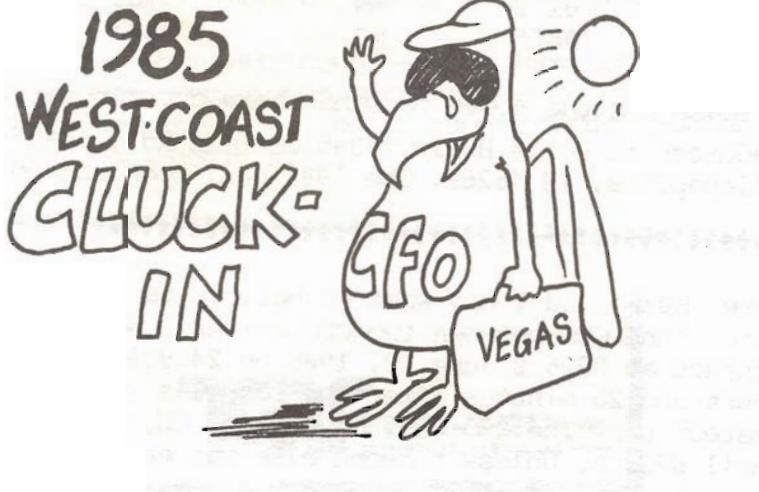
PARTY TIME



Young Lady Enterprises, owned by Jan, N7YL and John, W7IA, is sponsoring an amateur radio fest October 31 through November 3 and would like to invite CFO to set up a coop in the Hacienda Resort Hotel on the Las Vegas strip. Wise birds will head west for fun and frolic this fall.

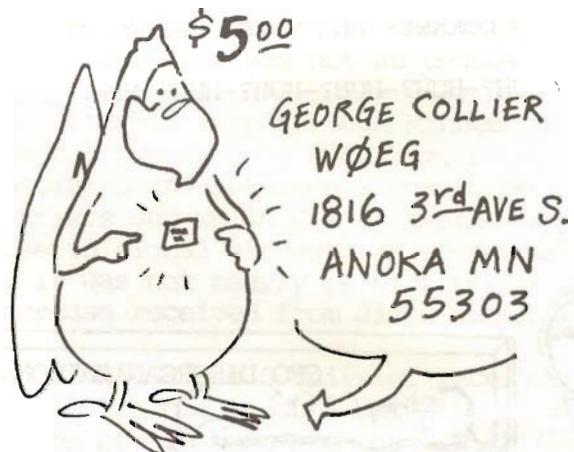
The hamfest will include all of the usual events plus a special convention package, including all activities, two cocktail parties, the Fire & Ice show at the Hacienda, awards, a banquet, drawing tickets and three nights accommodation (based on double occupancy) for \$139.00 a person. Night hotel accommodations are available single or double for \$48.00 a night.

Travel arrangements are via United, and a toll-free number has been established for information at 1-800-634-6705. Contact YL Enterprises for details at P.O. Box 19675, Las Vegas, NV 89132.



KENTUCKY PRIDE CHICKEN

Wear the badge of honor on your chest. Show the CFO superchicken in public, adding awesome dignity to your bearing. CFO #10, George, WØEG, makes engraved call-name badges sporting the infamous superbird.



ANNUAL CFO CLEARSPEAK AWARD

To Ronald Reagan, who in a recent radio broadcast informed us that:

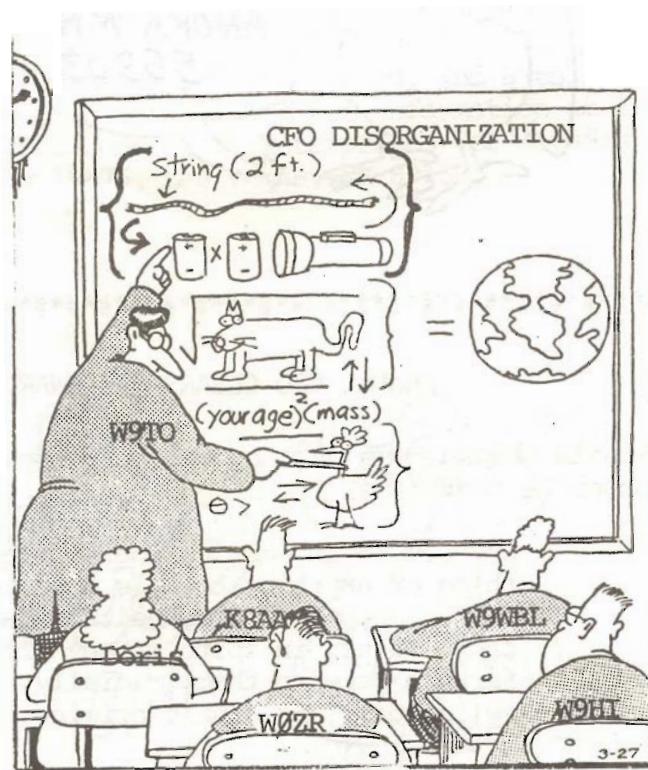
My goal is an America where something or anything that is done to or for anyone is done neither because of nor in spite of any difference between them, racially, religiously, or ethnic originwise.

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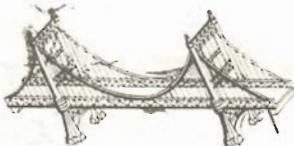
ACHTENSHUN KEYBOARDWATCHERZ

Da machinen ist nodt fur defingerpolken und mitten-grabben. Ist ezzy fur brekken das springwerks, blowen fusen mit loudischpopen und spitzensparken. Ist nix gerwerken by dumkoffs! Das rubbernekkens sightseeren und stupidish goofoffers bas relaxen, kipp hans in pokkets und votch das stoffs camoudt.

HUH?-HUH?-HUH?-HUH?-HUH?-HUH?-HUH?-HUH?-HUH?-



BRIDGIN' THE GAP



During many years of operating HF mobile we have noticed that each time we pass beneath an interstate highway overpass the signal on our xcvr increases from one to three S units.

Discussion with other avid HF mobilers, Ron, K1AO and Stu, W9HI, who had both noticed this phenomenon led us to believe this was not an unusual experience.

During one extended trip through Minnesota and the Dakotas we ran experiments with Jim, W9TO, with both transmitted and received signals. We tried steady carriers and while Jim indicated he noticed an increase in signal strength as we passed beneath a bridge, it was not nearly as pronounced as the signal increase received from Jim's transmission.

We concluded that three S units of receiver gain was worth the trouble to duplicate the antenna configuration at our home station. With this in mind we have built the vertical, found some truck wheels with rubber tires capable of supporting the house, and laid a foundation. But try as we can, we can find no one willing to sell and transport an interstate overpass bridge.

Anyone hearing of any available, please get it touch.

Zeke, W0ZR



ROTTEN EGG CONTEST



TIME: October 25-27, 1985. 0000 Z Friday to 2400 UTC Sunday. Operating time should be limited to almost 20 hours to permit yokeless roost time.

PLACE: All bands- 160, 80, 40, 100', 20, 15, 12, 10, 6, 2, 1 1/3, 2/3, ...

MODE: CW

PACE: QRS QRP (ca. 40 w.p.m.) is sort of tentatively suggested, nearly.

PURPOSE: To lure chickens out of the coop into the barnyard.

RULES: For maximum confusion, minimum frustration and optimum glee.

(1) Calling. Try either CQ NST (as in a real contest) or CQ CFO. While the former is more elegant, the latter is more distinctive and is almost recommended.

(2) Exchange. Consists of yokes. During the first contact send a yoke of your own. Send the last yoke received during subsequent contacts.

(3) Duplicate Yokes or Fowl Outs. If a chicken squawks "dupe," send him your penultimate yoke. If that one is also a dupe try your third-from-last yoke. If that one won't fly, improvise or consider whitewashing the coop.

(4) Double Yokes. Double your trouble. Don't fowl up and catch two chickens in one NST. Don't stir omelettes or scratch in roundtables.

(5) One Chicken One Pot. You may cluck with each chicken once per band using as many bands as your switch has notches.

(6) Fowl Emissions. Yokes should be proper or sanitized enough to comply with FCC fowlness regulation 97.119. They should also display that "impeccable good taste which so conspicuously distinguishes the CFO in all it undertakes." *

SCORING:

Each yoke received counts one point. Each yoke sent and QSL'd counts one point. The station with the most points will be the almost official winner of the CFO Rotten Yoke NST. QSP your raw score or rotten yoke list to Ron, K1AO. \$

AWARDS:

To the station who originates the fairest and fowlest yokes. While not yet determined, the top prize will be either a Kenwood 940 or a certificate suitable for the bottom of the cage.



Donated 940s will be graciously accepted. Please ship prepaid to K1AO. \$

Judges decision will be final, unless bribery or intimidation should dictate discreet adjustments. Further information concerning bribes via Ron, K1AO. \$

* Attributed to Wild Bill, KB9XE, during a QSO. -

\$ Ron Simonton, CFO NST Incubator, 228 Fairway Court, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.



The erotic questionnaire passed out at the Dayton '85 Cluck-in has been tabulated and the results are published below. This survey indicates that the membership of CFO demonstrate a somewhat more liberal attitude than the general population.

Response to Question #1

- Strongly agreed..... 29%
- Occasionally agreed..... 22%
- Did not agree, but could foresee circumstances under which would agree..... 32%
- Not if my life depended on it..... 15%

Response to Question #2

- Never tried it..... 4%
- Tried it once but would not do it again..... 30%
- Tried it once and got arrested..... 22%
- Any chance I can get..... 40%

Response to Question #3

- Very pleasurable..... 24%
- Mildly pleasant..... 14%
- Unpleasant..... 25%
- Got sick..... 38%

Response to Question #4

- Probably would not be upset..... 21%
- Would probably be upset but get over it..... 22%
- Would probably never speak to the person again..... 38%
- Would probably never speak to anyone again..... 9%
- Would probably never speak again.... 7%





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